

REMARKS

The Examiners indication that claims 2, 10, 11, 13 and 19 contain patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

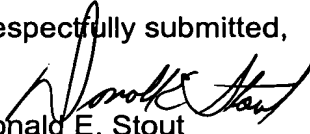
Claims 2 and 18 have been amended to contain the subject matter of objected to claims 2 and 19. In view of the cancellation of claims 2, 10, 11, 13 and 19, dependent claims 22-26 which correspond respectively to the subject matter of claims 21, 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been written to depend from claims 20, 18, 23, 23 and 24 which results in the number of pending claims remaining the same as before the Examiner. Claims 22-26 have been added to depend from claim 18 or claims dependent therefrom and present subject matter which is substantively identical to pending dependent claims 21 and 5-8.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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